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TAGS: EAIR, CA

SUBJ: CIVAIR: PRECLEARANCE

REF: OTTAWA 1715

1. SEAL (MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT) CALLED TCO DECEMBER 3 TO EXPRESS SHOCK AT INSTRUCTION REPORTEDLY RECEIVED DEC 2 BY US CUSTOMS OFFICES AT MONTREAL AND TORONTO TO DISCONTINUE OVERTIME PRECLEARANCE OF AIR CANADA EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 14 BECAUSE OF NON-PAYMENT BY CARRIER OF DISPUTED CHARGES. DESCRIBED THIS AS A "BLACKMAIL" ATTEMPT BY REGIONAL CUSTOMS DIRECTORS TO FORCE THE ISSUE WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL DISCUSSION AND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PEAK TRAVEL DEMANDS OF CHRISTMAS SEASON.

2. ALTHOUGH THE PRACTICAL EFFECT OF THIS INSTRUCTION WOULD RELATE ONLY TO 0600 TO 0800 PERIOD MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, IT HAS POTENTIALITY OF DISRUPTING SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF AIR CANADA SCHEDULING. SEAL ACCORDINGLY INDICATED HE HAD ADVISED AIR CANADA TO MAKE FULL PAYMENT (\$203,140.04) BUT "UNDER PROTEST." SAID HE HAD RECEIVED COPIES OF TELEGRAMS FROM AIR CANADA HQ TO ITS WINNIPEG FINANCE OFFICE AUTHORIZING IMMEDIATE

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PAYMENT AND TO BRUEAU OF CUSTOMS ADVISING IT WAS

DOING SO "UNDER PROTEST."

3. SEAL STATED HE WAS ADVISING EXTAFK OF THIS
SITUATION, AND HOPED THAT STATE DEPARTMENT (ORTMAN)
AND TREASURY DEPARTMENT (CLAWSON) WOULD INSURE THAT
PROPER INSTRUCTIONS WERE ISSUED TO CUSTOMS STAFFS AT
MONTREAL AND TORONTO SO THAT THERE WOULD BE NO
DISRUPTION OF PRECLEARANCE ON DECEMBER 14. JOHNSON

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